

**HIV Health Services Planning Council  
Sacramento TGA**

**Policy and Procedure Manual**

**Subject:** Health Education and Risk Reduction Services Standard

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**Policy:** The attached document represents the service standards to be utilized when providing Health Education and Risk Reduction services to people in the Sacramento TGA. This standard is to be used in conjunction with other service standards for medical, psychosocial and support services as developed and approved by the HIV Health Services Planning Council.

As directed by the HIV Health Services Planning Council priorities, when funded, the following service standards will apply to Ryan White contracted service providers.

1. Ryan White funding is to be used for HIV/AIDS medical services and for psycho-social and support services which significantly improve access and adherence to such medical services. As such, any Health Education and Risk Reduction services which are paid for through Ryan White (RW) funding shall be related to HIV healthcare or other social support service appointments related to maintaining healthcare (i.e. ADAP, Medi-Cal, etc).
2. Ryan White funding is to be expended in a cost effective, equitable manner which is based upon verified client need and encourages self-empowerment of clients. Health Education and Risk Reduction services paid for with Ryan White funds shall be provided in accordance with the allocation priorities and directives adopted by the Sacramento TGA HIV Health Services Planning Council (“HIV Planning Council”), or through an alternative assessment process administered by a RW Agency.
3. The purpose of Health Education and Risk Reduction services is to reach persons at increased risk of becoming infected with HIV or, if already infected, of transmitting the virus to others.
4. The goal of Health Education and Risk Reduction services is to reduce the risk of these events occurring. Activities should be directed to persons whose behaviors or personal circumstances place them at risk.